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REPORT.

Selectmen's Report.

SCHOOLS.

Orders Drawn for teaching High School	$350 00	
Fuel and care of rooms	49 43	
Teaching Centre School	280 00	
Fuel and care of rooms	52 60	
Teaching Franklin School	280 00	
Fuel and care of rooms	47 97	
Teaching West School	280 00	
Fuel and care of rooms	35 12	
Teaching North School	285 00	
Fuel and care of rooms	51 25	
Teaching East School	262 50	
Fuel and care of rooms	53 20	
Amount of orders for schools		$2027 07
Amount of orders for school house repairs and furniture		248 40
		$2275 47
Appropriation for Schools	$1500 00	
Donation of Mrs. Charles F. Flint	500 00	
Mass. School Fund	130 01	

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY.

Orders drawn for John B Campbell, Committee's bill	$198 68
George K. Parker, " "	17 00
Dennis Batchelder, " "	9 50
Cap Stone	173 00
Trees and setting out the same	30 90
	$429 08

FOR SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Charles P. Howard, for services as Town Clerk.....	$ 15 00
" " " " Indexing and Recording Births, Marriages and Deaths, and other services.....	37 55
Charles P. Howard, for services as Trustee of Riverside Cemetery, making and recording deeds for the same.....	10 00
Joseph D. Gowing, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor.....	95 60
J. D. Gowing, for journeys out of town.....	26 50
" " " services as Treasurer and Collector,	100 00
" " " Extra services and expenses.....	20 00
Augustine P Cook, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor.....	38 00
A. P. Cook, for journeys out of town.....	4 00
Appleton P. Eaton, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor.....	40 75
A. P. Eaton, for journeys out of town.....	5 00
J. W. Kingsbury, for services as School Committee....	31 50
George Ober, " " " " "	15 00
Augustine P. Cook " " " " "	21 00
George A. Flint, " " " Constable.....	12 95
Sylvester Eaton, " " " "	13 00
Amount of Orders drawn for Town Officers.....	$485 85

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Timothy Dame, for ringing bell and care of Town Hall, to March 1st, 1874.....	$ 65 50
" for printing Town and School Reports, and other Notices.....	80 59
" for Insurance on Franklin School House.....	40 00
" " " " East " "	20 00
" J. D. Gowing, for Settling State Aid from 1869 to 1873.....	10 00
" Silas G. Emerson, for Road Damage.....	21 00
" for Stone Monuments, erecting the same and running town lines.....	29 50
Amount carried forward,	$266 59

	Amount brought forward,	$266 59
Paid for Painting Liberty Pole in 1872 & 1873, New Ropes and Fixings		35 35
" to Town of Lynnfield for schooling Children		40 00
" to Tomb Committee for Receiving Tomb		120 64
" State Tax		922 50
" County Tax		525 54
" for repairs and fixtures for Town Hall		9 65
" " " " " " Pumps		9 75
" C H. Carleton, for return of Deaths		2 10
" for services of Special Police		3 00
" Interest on Hired Money		1359 61
" George B. Parker, Treasurer of Flint Library		50 00
" " " Dog Fund		100 45
" John B. Campbell & Co., for cleaning and repairing Clocks		1 00
" for Hearse repairs and fixtures		11 75
" " Postage, Books, Stationery and express for committees and town officers		23 28
" for overtaxation and abatements from 1869 to 1873		124 19
" for Book case for town Clerk		21 00
" Rob't M. Campbell, for keeping traveling paupers		150 00
" to J. D. Gowing, for discount on taxes		368 43
		$4144 83

STATE AID.

Paid Family of Charles B Abbott	$120 00
" Julia A. Abbott	52 00
" Elizabeth C. Ball	104 00
" Charles J. Burditt	78 00
" Emily Bean	16 00
" Sarah J. Coney	104 00
" Mrs. H. E. Flint	104 00
" Mrs. Tryphena Harris	104 00
" Samuel W. Holt, Guar	52 00
" Rebecca J. McIntire	52 00
Amount carried forward,	786 00

Amount brought forward,		786 00
Paid Louisa A. Swan		8 00
" Robert B. Walsh		78 00
Total for Thirteen Months		$872 00
State Aid due for 1873	$806 00	
Due for Jan. and Feb 1874	136 00	
Orders drawn for Schools		$2275 47
" " " Cemetery		429 08
" " " Town Officers		485 85
" " " Road Commissioners		1841 62
" " " Overseers of the Poor		2084 16
" " " State Aid		872 00
" " " Miscellaneous		4144 83
Total amount of Orders		$12133 01

JOSEPH D. GOWING,
AUGUSTINE P. COOK,
APPLETON P. EATON, } Selectmen of North Reading.

North Reading, March 10th. 1874.

Overseers of the Poor.

NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Lois McIntire	81 years
Rebecca Floyd	66 "
Nathaniel McIntire	59 "
Augusta McIntire	41 "
Joseph Sawyer	64 "
Jane Sawyer	42 "
Emily A. Buxton	29 "
Esther Harnden	75 "

Whole Number, 8
Present " 8
Average " 7 1 2.

Two hundred and forty Tramps have been assisted.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, MARCH, 1874.

2 Oxen	$225 00
6 Cows	300 00
2 Swine	32 50
25 Fowls	20 00
English Hay, Grain and Meal	310 00
Manure	130 00
Provisions	311 33
Farming Utensils	328 22
Lumber	428 17
Wood and Fuel	231 00
Household Furniture	541 00
	$2857 22

EXPENSES OF THE POOR AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for W. I. Goods and Groceries	$256 32
" Flour and Bread	129 39
" Hay, Grain and Meal	492 33
" Meat and Fish	140 29
" Clothing, Bedding and Shoes	155 61
" Household Furniture	105 14
" Farming Utensils and Seeds	79 93
" Stock and Swine	237 90
" Hired Labor	252 55
" Repairs on Buildings	367 13
" Physician's Bill	15 39
" Blacksmith's "	29 02
" Butter and Cheese	116 99
" Sawing Lumber	2 34
" Coal Freight and Express	60 45
" Salary of Keeper	359 73
" Miscellaneous	51 26
	$2852 27

RECEIPTS.

Last year's bills collected	$ 67 25
Wood and Lumber	163 03
Produce sold	51 38
Stock and Swine	254 07
Milk sold	557 05
Labor done off the farm	133 53
Persons lodged	150 00
Miscellaneous	8 00
Cash received per orders of Selectmen	1467 96
	$2852 27

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Supplies furnished James B. Flint	$ 88 00
" " Henry McIntire	101 62
" " Charles B. Abbott	163 47
" " Henry Jenkins	45 50
" " Charles Brown	24 50
" " Caroline Kelley	6 00
" " Mrs. J. W. Roberts	40 70
" " Elisha McIntire	4 00
Paid Town of Middleton for supplies for Eliza Bird	42 00
" " " " " " for Mrs. Stephen McIntire	66 08
Paid Town of Wakefield for supplies for Mrs. Eliza Bird	9 36
Paid Town of Natick for W. A. Nichols	13 60
Paid City of Charlestown for supplies for Nancy Moore	11 37
Expense of Poor out of Almshouse	$ 616 20
Expense of Poor at Almshouse	1467 96
Total in and out of Almshouse	$2084 16
Received from Selectmen's account	$2084 16

JOSEPH D. GOWING,
AUGUSTINE P. COOK
APPLETON P. EATON,
} Overseers of the Poor of North Reading.

North Reading, March 10th, 1874.

Report of Road Commissioners.

MONEY PAID OUT.

For Labor on Willow Street	$ 43 02
" " Washington street	45 00
" " Chestnut street	65 00
" " Concord street	17 90
" " Park street	200 00
" " Main street	130 00
" " Haverhill street	309 00
" " Marblehead street	18 00
" " Centre street	8 00
" " North street	87 00
" " Elm street	103 42
	$1026 32

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Repairs on Bridges	$ 99 85
Labor and Material on Culverts	117 92
Repairs on Sidewalks and Railings	11 48
Widening at corner of Elm, Washington and Willow streets	14 75
Widening Elm street at Cemetery	72 85
Blacksmith's bill	14 48
Rebuilding bridge on Mill street	127 20
Land damage on Elm street	50 00
	$508 53

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid A. A. Upton 1873	$ 44 00
" " " 1874	13 00
" A. V. Holt, 1873	53 00
" " " 1874	13 00
" C. A. Upton, 1874	5 00
Amount carried forward,	128 00

Amount brought forward,	128 00
Paid Henry Towle, 1873	7 64
" " " 1874	2 79
" Dennis Batchelder, 1873	58 84
" " " 1874	5 95
" E. U. Flint, 1873	32 35
" " " 1874	3 50
" Levi Blake, 1873	8 90
" Isaac Flint, 1873	16 00
" Samuel Batchelder, 1873	14 00
" S. S. Abbott 1873	12 00
" David Batchelder, 1873	13 60
" " " 1874	2 60
	$306 67
Paid for labor on roads	$1026 32
Paid for labor and material on Bridges and Culverts	$ 508 53
Paid for Removing Snow	$ 306 77
	$1841 62
Orders received of Selectmen	$1841 62

DENNIS BATCHELDER,
HENRY TOWLE,
ELIAB U. FLINT,
} Road Commissioners.

Treasurer's Report.

Received of Benjamin Eames, Taxes from 1869 to 1873	$ 974 96
Taxes collected 1873	6858 45
Received of Town of Reading for Bridge on Main street	19 17
" " " for supplies for Henry Jenkins	45 50
" " " " for Freeman's family	8 00
" " " for House Rent	36 00
" " " for Bound Stone	2 00
" " of Andover for Burial of Charles Brown	24 50
" " " for Schooling Children	43 34
Amount carried forward,	7811 92

Amount brought forward,	7811 92
Received of town of Andover for Bound Stone.....	2 00
" " of Wilmington for Bound Stone.....	7 00
" " of Topsfield for supplies for Mrs Roberts	40 70
" " of Dracut " " Caroline Kelley	6 00
" " of Lynn " " C. B. Abbott..	139 47
Received of Mrs. Charles F. Flint for Schools.....	500 00
" Selectmen by settlement of State Aid from 1869 to 1873.....	40 00
Received of Dorchester Insurance Company, Dividend...	9 00
" F. H. Mosman.....	21 00
" Collector for land sold for Taxes.....	287 62
Received for State Aid.....	812 00
" Corporation Tax.....	58 03
" National Bank Tax.....	94 63
" Massachusetts School Fund.....	130 01
" Dog Fund.....	100 45
" Town Notes.....	11100 00
" Interest on Taxes from 1869 to 1874.....	51 08
" Old Iron.....	1 14
" Use of Hearse.....	9 00
" School Books.....	5 40
" Lots sold in Riverside Cemetery.....	112 00
Total amount received.....	$21538 45
Paid out for Order of Selectmen.....	$12133 01
Paid out on Town Notes.....	9400 00
Total amount paid out.....	$21533 01
Balance in the Treasury.....	5 44
Tax list committed to collect.....	$ 7500 88
Taxes remaining uncollected.....	642 43
Taxes collected.....	6858 45
	$7500 88

226 persons paid Taxes amounting to $5380 40, and received 6 per cent discount.....	$ 322 82
61 persons paid Taxes amounting to $1140 30, and received 4 per cent. discount.....	45 61
	$368 43

We have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct, and properly vouched for.

A. P. COOK, } Selectmen
A. P. EATON, } of North Reading.

THE TOWN OWES THE FOLLOWING NOTES.

Interest due			Rate of Interest.
February 24th.	Elizabeth U. King.....	$1500	7 per cent.
March 15th.	Arthur Eames.....	1000	7 "
March 19th.	Andover Bank.....	4000	6 1-2 "
April 1st.	Maria Emmons.....	500	" "
"	Clarrissa Damon.....	500	" "
"	Susan Bancroft.....	500	" "
"	Harriet Gould.....	500	" "
"	Sally Gould.....	300	" "
"	Elizabeth U. King.....	3500	7 3-10"
"	Herrick Batchelder.....	1000	6 1-2 "
"	Myra Batchelder.....	1000	6 "
"	Asseneth Nichols.....	700	6 "
April 6th.	Jonathan King.....	4200	7 "
May 12th.	J. D. Gowing.....	500	7 "
June 28th.	Benjamin Taylor.....	1000	6 "
		$20,700	

Statistics from Town Clerk's Records.

For the Year 1873.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Whole number of Births.....18
Males.....9
Females.....9
Whole number of Intentions of Marriages.....11
" " Marriages recorded.....14
" " Deaths.....17

DATE.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y.	m.	d.	
Feb. 10	Justin M. Weston,	43		18	Consumption.
Feb. 11	Irene M. Emerson,	3	4	4	Diphtheria.
Feb. 12	Jonathan G. Kidder,	23	6	19	Consumption.
Feb. 17	Charles Tidd Burditt,		11		Scrofula
Mch. 31	Harriet W. Nichols,	42	10		Liver Complaint.
Mch. 31	Sally Jeffry,	64	10	4	Rheumatism, Convuls'ns
April 5	Mary Graves,	88	11	5	Old Age.
Apr. 11	Abigail Marshal,	74	11	19	Paralysis.
May 17	Charles Brown,	58			Rupture.
May 25	Dorcas Maria Tarbox,	29	6	2	Consumption.
June 5	Sally Batchelder,	83	3	27	Bright's Disease.
Aug. 17	Delia F. Morse,	1	4	3	Cholera Infantum.
Aug. 27	Roxana S. Campbell,	16	11	25	Typhoid Fever.
Sept 12	William M. Nichols,	22	1	4	Typhoid Fever.
Sept 14	Alice M. Morse,	2	3	14	Whooping Cough.
Nov. 1	Sarah N. Eames,	65	3	22	Debility.
Nov. 8	Joab A. Jones,	42	11	27	Spasmodic Colic.

CHARLES P. HOWARD, Town Clerk.

Inventory and Valuation of the Town of North Reading.

AS ASSESSED MAY 1st, 1873

	No.	Value.		No.	Value.
Horses,	143	$10,605	Carriages,	37	$2,935
Oxen,	30	2,475	Swine,	61	639
Cows,	272	10,120	Money at Interest.		20,800
Yearlings,	15	225	Stock in Trade		17,860
Bulls,	3	90			
Sheep,	3	15	Total Personal Estate,		$62,764

Number of Dwelling Houses,	200 3-4	Value	$122,100
" Barns	122	"	30,260
" Shops and Sheds,	179	"	10,250
" Grist Mills,	2	"	2,300
" Saw Mills,	2	"	3,900
" Slaughter Houses,	4	"	2,950
Total			$171,760

Number of Acres of Field Land	1,447	Value	$64,868
" " Orcharding	58	"	3,800
" " Meadow	598	"	13,250
" " Pasturing	1,196	"	26,300
" " Wood Land	4,212	"	115,750
" " Cedar Swamp	103	"	2,700
			$226 668

Total Real Estate	$398,428
Total Personal Estate	65,764
	$464,764
Tax on Real and Personal Estate 1 1-2 per cent	$6,962 88
Number of Polls 269 at $2 00 each	538 00
Tax list committed to Collector	$7500 88

Amount raised by Town for Ordinary Expenses	$3500	00
" " " " Schools	1500	
" " " " Highways	800	
" " " " Burial Grounds	50	
" " " " State Tax	922	50
" " " " County Tax	525	54
" " " " Surplusage	202	84
	$7500	88

RETURNS.

Residents paying less than $2 00 tax	4
" " $2 00	90
" " from $ 2 00 to $ 10 00 tax	75
" " " 10 00 " 25 00 "	68
" " " 25 00 " 50 00 "	47
" " " 50 00 " 100 00 "	25
" " " 100 00 " 300 00 "	8
" " " 300 00 " 1000 00 "	1
	318

Non Residents.

Persons paying less than $10 00 tax	87
" " from $10 00 to $100 00 tax	18
" " more than $100 00 tax	1
Number of Resident Tax payers	318
" Non-resident Tax payers	106
Whole Number	424
Amount of Taxes paid by residents of town	$6508 00
" " " non-residents	992 88
	$7500 88

Number of voters in town	219	
Amount of property exempt from taxation	4225	00
No. of Female Tax-payers, 37. Amount of property taxed	60,663	
No. of scholars from five to fifteen yrs	181	
No of Militia	153	

No. of Dogs taken by the Assessors, May 1st, males 51; females, 5; total 56.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, Aug. 1st, 1873.

Town House and Furniture	$4000
Hearse House and Fixtures	200
Almshouse property, real and personal	8600
Freeman Place	50
Gravel Pits	400
School Houses and Fixtures	8500
Flint Library and fund	3000
Cemeteries	1300
Liberty Pole	250

LIABILITIES.

War debt	$14000
Town Hall debt	3000
Almshouse property debt	2000

JOSEPH D. GOWING,
AUGUSTINE P. COOK,
APPLETON P. EATON,
} Assessors of North Reading.

North Reading, Aug 1st, 1873.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

Year 1873 and '74.

A Report profiteth nothing unless it be read. Your Committee, by omitting much they would gladly say, have so condensed their annual statement of the condition and progress of the schools under their care that they trust the brevity as well as the matter of their Report will invite perusal.

The statistics of the several schools will be found grouped together in the table below. The schools have been generally prosperous. Attendance upon the Centre School during the Spring term was considerably affected by the whooping cough. Some of the other schools suffered in less degree from the same cause. The changes in the list of teachers have been few, so that we have had but eight different teachers for the six schools during the year.

The teachers without exception have shown interest and faithfulness in their work, and your Committee are happy to speak in high praise of the manner and success with which they have performed their duties.

The High School throughout the year has afforded to its pupils opportunities of the highest order, and pleasing evidence that these opportunities were appreciated and improved has been given during the several terms and at the annual examination. We are happy to announce that this school is still to enjoy the excellent management and able instruction of Miss Abbott.

The Centre School during the Fall and Winter terms was under the care of Miss Howlitt, who had previously taught with great acceptance in the North Ward. Though coming to a more difficult school her success here was equally marked. We greatly regret to lose her from our list of teachers.

The Franklin School has had the same teacher throughout the year. The order has been excellent, and Miss Emerson, has diligently labored, not in vain, that the progress made should be thorough.

The School in the East Ward numbered 18 scholars on its register for the Spring term. Its average attendance for the year was 10 1-3. The scholars are mostly small and the teacher's work has been found easy and pleasant.

In the West Ward there has been a change of teachers for each term. There are some scholars here as in the other schools prepared to enter the High School.

The School in the North Ward is the largest in town and excluding the High School, ranks first in scholarship, and enthusiam. Miss Manning has labored here the past two terms with great earnestness and success, and by the time this meets the public eye, will probalby have entered upon her third term.

In all the schools Calisthenics have found a welcome place. More or less attention has been given to music.

The work, begun by the Committee of last year, of substituting a single series of Readers for a confusing miscellany from different series, has been carried on as fast as new books were demanded.

Nearly one hundred visits have been made by the members of the Committee during the year and the suggestions and criticisms by them frankly made have been as kindly received. Earnest and in many cases enthusiastic efforts have been made by the scholars, encouraged by their teachers, to have as few absent and tardy marks as possible on the register, and the result is very gratifying and will compare favorably with the record of other years.

As respects *attendance* for the year the High School ranks first, the North Ward almost as high, then after an interval the Centre, East Ward and West Ward Schools rank together, while after another interval the Franklin closes the list. As respects *punctuality* the North Ward leads, closely followed by the High School, while the East Ward School is found at the foot of the list.

We are pleased to make honorable mention, as follows, of scholars that have been

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

HIGH SCHOOL.—Miss Minnie Fowle, for the year.
Miss Emily Bachelder, 1 term.
Miss Hattie Bachelder, 1 term.
Ernest Rhodes, 1 term.
Perley Whitcomb, 1 term.
Levi Parker, 2 terms.

CENTRE SCHOOL.—Jimmie Holt, 2 terms.
Miss Annie Holt, 1 term.
Miss Nellie West, 1 term.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.—Miss Emma W. Dudley, 2 terms.
Miss Mary L. Bachelder, 1 term.

EAST WARD.—Miss Ida Dixon, 1 term.

NORTH WARD.—Miss Mary Allen, for the year except one half day.
Eddie Emerson, for the year, except one half day.
Miss Annie Bachelder, 2 terms.
Miss Hattie Bachelder, 2 terms.
Miss Mary Buxton, 1 term.
Miss Jennie Frye, 1 term.
Willie Emerson, 1 term.
Irving Bachelder, 1 term.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. KINGSBURY,
GEORGE OBER,
AUGUSTINE P. COOK, } School Committe.

STATISTICAL TABLE,

EXHIBITING NUMBER OF SCHOLARS, AVERAGE ATTENDANCE, &c.

SCHOOLS.		Number of Scholars.	Between 5 and 15 years.	Under 5 years.	Over 15 years.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. Attendance.	Scholars not Absent	Scholars not Tardy.	Whole No. Tardiness.	Wages per Week.
High.	Spring	19	11	0	8	17	90	5	9	30	
	Fall.	22	15	0	7	17	·77	3	14	33	$10 00
	Winter	20	13	0	7	17	.85	1	10	41	
Centre.	Spring	38	38	0	0	28	·74	0	3	80	
	Fall.	33	33	0	0	28	.85	6	9	143	8 00
	Winter	31	31	0	0	27	.87	4	5	118	
Franklin.	Spring.	35	34	1	0	24	.68½	2	11	52	
	Fall.	34	32	1	1	26	.76½	3	11	70	8 00
	Winter	34	33	0	1	27	.80	2	15	100	
East.	Spring.	18	18	0	0	12	.69	2	3	28	
	Fall.	13	13	0	0	11	.85	1	0	58	7 50
	Winter	9	8	0	1	8	.89	1	0	44	
West.	Spring	27	25	0	2	22	.81½	3	4	50	
	Fall.	20	19	0	1	16	.80	4	7	38	8 00
	Winter	25	22	0	3	21	.84	0	4	94	
North.	Spring	41	36	4	1	24	.83	7	32	22	
	Fall	42	41	0	1	31⅔	·75½	5	26	58	8 00
	Winter.	34	33	0	1	25	·74	2	23	42	

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Flint Library,

Of North Reading,

ENDING MARCH 7th, 1874.

The Library put into the hands of your Trustees one year ago has met with much better success than we had reason to anticipate at the commencement. It contained 419 vols. to which 166 have been added during the year. 8201 vols. have been issued to 333 persons and none have been lost and but one materially injured. We hope not to be obliged to cut off any one from the use of the books on account of their misuse. We have been very fortunate in the selection of Librarians both of whom have been efficient and obliging. Fines collected will about pay for fuel, lights, and stationery. The gift of this Library to our Town, the value of which with $500 in money amounted to $1090, by Mrs. Harriet N. Flint, together with the Flint Memorial Fund of $2000, which was given in honor of her late husband Charles F. Flint Esq., as a permanent fund for the replenishment of our Library, is very highly appreciated by our citizens and considered as a great public

benefaction. In closing we can but express the deep debt of gratitude we all as citizens of North Reading are under to our much esteemed friend and former resident for this valuable gift to our Town.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY TOWLE,
JOHN B. CAMPBELL,
GEORGE B. PARKER,
DENNIS BATCHELDER,
ALBERT W. HOLT,
} Trustees.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 3d. 1873	$ 11 57
Received of Town Appropriation of 1872	50 00
Received from Licenses on Dogs	100 45
Received from Mrs. Harriet N. Flint	500 00
	$662 02

PAYMENTS.

Butler & Fleetwood, books	$ 35 00	
H. K. Darling, books	6 70	
Noyes, Holmes & Co., books	175 65	
" " " binding books	3 90	
G. W. B. Taylor, paper	5 00	
Stove and Funnel	9 26	
Rent	20 00	
Wood	2 50	
Express	1 20	
Insurance	11 25	
Librarian, 18 months	75 00	
		$345 46

Balance.....$316 56

The above balance consists of cash on hand.....$ 16 56
Deposit in Savings Bank..... .. 300 00

GEORGE B. PARKER,

Treasurer of Flint Library.

North Reading, March 7th, 1874.

TOWN MEETING.

MIDDLESEX, SS

To either of the Constables of North Reading, in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL in said Town, on MONDAY, the sixth day of April next, at 8 o'clock, A.M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

POLLS OPEN AT NINE O'CLOCK.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

Art 3. To hear reports of Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To hear report of Road Commissioners, and act thereon

Art. 5. To hear report of Treasurer, and act thereon.

Art. 6. To hear report of School Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for necessary Town expenses for the ensuing year, to wit: Schools, School Houses, Highways, Sidewalks and Bridges, Removing Snow Town Officers, Overtaxation, Abatements and Discount on Taxes Interest on notes State Tax County Tax, Repairs and Expenses at Almshouse, Burial Grounds, and Miscellaneous Expenses.

Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to purchase a fire engine, or what they will do in relation to the same.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to buy a new Hearse, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose.

Art 10. To see if the Town will revoke the acceptance of the act creating a board of Road Commissioners, and abolish said Board, also to see if they will establish Highway Districts.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to change the time of

holding their Annual Town Meeting from April to March, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 12. To see what method the Town will adopt in regard to the repairs of Highways

Art. 13. To see if the Town will instruct the Trustees of the Cemeteries to cement the walls bordering on the Highway and how much money they will appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in regard to it.

Art. 14 To see if the Town will give the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery any instructions in regard to collecting pay for lots.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will adopt the rules and regulations drawn up by the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art 16. To see if the Town will vote to erect Lamp Posts and Fixtures on the common for the purpose of lighting the driveway from the Hall to the street on either side of the common.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money or take any action to encourage the building of a new railroad that shall make a direct route to Boston, or take any other action to devise means to promote the interests of the Town, or encourage business within its borders.

Art 18. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the payment of the Town debt.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will give Lilley E. Hayward liberty to work out his proportion of the Highway money raised on the road leading to his house, or what they will do in regard to the same.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will instruct the selectmen to buy a Piano for the Town Hall or what they will do about it

Art. 21. To see if the Town will widen Chestnut Street where needed or what they will do in relation to the same

Art. 22 To see if the Town will petition the County Commissioners to define the bounds of Haverhill Street, or what they will do in regard to the same

Art 23. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for repairs of the sidewalk from Park to Chestnut Street on Haverhill Street, and to remove all obstructions, or what they willl do in relation to the same.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of chap. 382, Act of 1871, relating to Betterments, or what they will do about it.

Art 25. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of the Town way known as Central Street from North to Park Street, or to determine how much of said way shall be discontinued or what action they will take in regard to the same.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect a Monument or Grave Stones to the memory of Deceased Soldiers of the late war, or to any action in regard to the same that they may deem expedient.

Art 27. To see what instructions the Town will give the Collector in relation to collecting taxes

Art 28. To see if the Town wlil give their Treasurer authority to hire money or what they will do about it.

Art. 29 To see if the Town will instruct their Selectmen to remove the remains of the persons buried in the field near the Almshouse to one of the Cemeteries, or what they will do about it.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will instruct their Road Commissioners or Selectmen to widen Elm Street near the house of Russell Rogers, or what they will do about it.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will widen Park Street near the house of Sylvester Eaton, or what they will do about it.

Art. 32 To see if the Town will take some action to improve the corner in the road at the junction of Park and Main Streets and at such other corners as they may deem necessary.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will erect a railing for the sidewalk on Haverhill Street near the house of William I. Nichols, or what they will do about it.

Art 34 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the High School, or what they will do in regard to the same.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for extra expenses for the coming year

Art. 36. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the money received on account of Dog Licenses.

Art. 37. To hear report of Road Commissioners on Guide Boards

Art. 38. To see if the Town will accept of the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Art. 39. To hear reports of Committees and act thereon.

Art. 40. To hear report of Trustees of Flint Library and act thereon.

Art. 41. To hear report of Riverside Cemetery Trustees and act thereon.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will instruct their board of health to make By Laws or rule and regulations in regard to the Receiving Tomb, or what they will do in regard to the same.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will instruct their officers to have their reports printed and distributed three days previous to the annual meeting.

Art. 44. To act on any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty-seventh day of March, A.D., eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

JOSEPH D GOWING,
AUGUSTINE P COOK,
APPLETON P. EATON, } Selectmen of North Reading.

A true copy copy. Attest,

SYLVESTER EATON, Constable.